IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For   :   METHOD FOR THE COMPILATION OF BUS PACKETS
                    FOR ISOCHRONOUS DATA TRANSMISSION VIA A
                    DATA BUS, AND APPARATUS FOR CARRYING OUT
                    THE METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

        In the US national phase application of PCT/EP00/02439 filed
herewith, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

        Please amend the specification as follows: A

        On Page 1, line 4, please insert the following paragraph:

        -- This application claims the benefit of German application serial no.
19914838.4 filed April 1, 1999, which is hereby incorporated herein by reference,
and which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application
PCT/EP00/02439, filed March 20, 2000, which was published in accordance with
PCT Article 21(2) on October 12, 2000 in English.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

        Please amend the claims as follows. A marked up version of the
amended claims is attached herewith:

1. Method for the compilation of data packets for isochronous data transmission via a
data bus, called bus packets below, the data format for the isochronous data
transmission being defined in an isochronous data format header of the bus packet,
wherein when the isochronous data transmission is set up in a data transmitting
device, the isochronous data format header is written both to a special register and to